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**REPLY TO DECISION
REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(A)**

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2300-1624

First Named Inventor

Lewis T. Williams et al.

Application Number

09/803,719

Filing Date

March 9, 2001

Group Art Unit

1645

Examiner Name

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Title

Human Genes and Gene Expression
Products

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR §1.47(a) ("Decision"), mailed May 14, 2002. The Decision set out a two-month period for response, making this response due on or before July 14, 2002. This communication is filed with a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, making this communication timely filed.

The Decision indicated that applicants must either: 1) correct the deficiencies as set out in the Decision; or 2) submit an oath or declaration executed by the non-singing inventor.

Applicants submit with this communication a declaration executed by Michael A. Innis, who had previously refused to sign. Thus the status of the above-referenced application under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is no longer necessary or requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees associated with the filing of this petition, and any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815 with reference to number 2300-1624..

Respectfully submitted,
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